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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS 710

TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR DR. HENRY KISSINGER

1. AS YOU KNOW, I TOOK INITIATIVE TO SUGGEST MEETING FOR MAY FOURTH. I DID THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVED THUY FELT WE WERE COMMITTED TO ACCEPT IF THEY PROPOSED ONE FOR THAT DATE AND HE INTENDED TO HAVE MADAME BINH MAKE PROPOSAL SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND TO VIET CONG INITIATIVE FOR WHATEVER PRESS ATTENTION THAT MIGHT RECEIVE. COMMOTION AMONG OTHER SIDE WHEN I MADE PROPOSAL SEEMED TO SUPPORT OUR SUSPICION.

2. IF YOU ARE PRESSED, AS I SUSPECT YOU WILL BE, TO AGREE TO MEETING OF PARIS TALKS ON ELEVENTH, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FUZZ YOUR REPLY TO PERMIT US TO REFLECT ON WHATEVER THEY MAY PRODUCE IF PRIOR PRIVATE MEETING OCCURS. I AM NOT AVERSE TO MEETING ON ELEVENTH IF OTHER SIDE IS SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING, BUT I WOULD PREFER WHEN THEY PROPOSE SUCH MEETING ON FOURTH TO TELL THEM THAT WE WISH TO REFLECT AND WILL INFORM THEM DURING COURSE OF THE WEEK WHETHER WE BELIEVE MEETING ON ELEVENTH WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. MAY ELEVENTH IS FRENCH HOLIDAY, AND CUSTOM HAS BEEN TO EITHER CANCEL MEETING ENTIRELY OR, IN CASE PARTIES AGREE AS TO NEED, CHANGE TO ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK.

4. TO FACILITATE ANY TELEPHONE CONTACTS WHICH YOU MAY FEEL NECESSARY. PLEASE RECORD THAT MY HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED]

5. WARM REGARDS.

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